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In Re Application of: Randall M. Franklin et al. )  
Application No.: 10/615,075 ) Confirmation No.: 7908  
Filed: July 8, 2003 )  
For: **ANALYTICAL METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING METAL CONCENTRATION IN LIQUID HYDROCARBON MATRICES"**

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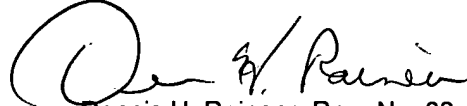
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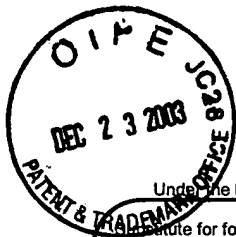
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